IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification as amended below with replacement paragraphs shows added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~.

Please REPLACE paragraph [0020] with the following paragraph:

The gateway device GW is connected as a gateway device between the switched-circuit communication network SCN and the VoIP network domains DA, DB und DC. All packet-oriented Internet protocols are terminated on the VoIP network domain DA, DB and DC side by gateway device GW. In particular the gateway device GW does not represent what is known as a proxy. The gateway device GW is preferably implemented by a gateway according to the H.323 Recommendation, and in accordance with the invention is designed in such a way that it can be registered simultaneously in a number of VoIP network domains, here DA, DB und DC.

Please REPLACE paragraph [0022] with the following paragraph:

The VoIP network domains DA, DB and DC each feature a so-called gatekeeper GKA, GKB or GKC as their central signaling and/or connection controller in accordance with the H.323 Recommendation. If the VoIP network domains DA, DB and DC were implemented in accordance with the alternative SIP Standard, instead of the relevant ~~gamekeeper~~ gatekeeper a so-called SIP Registrar or SIP Proxy could be used as signaling and/or connection controller.